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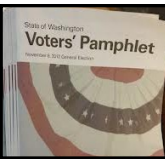
Employment Opportunity

The Secretary of State is recruiting for an [Information Technology Specialist 1](#). Application is due today!



Online Training

The Election Academy is offering a series of online courses on topics in the field of elections and election administration. The first course will cover [voter eligibility](#). Please consider registering and sharing this information with new and experienced election administrators.



2013 Voters' Pamphlets

The [printer-friendly](#) versions of 2013 Voters' Pamphlets are available online for your UOCAVA voters. For more information visit the [2013 Voters' Guide](#).



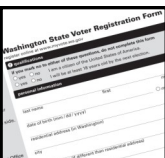
New USPS Requirement for Ballots

Starting Oct. 7, the USPS requires ballot materials to include the exact postage needed to return a voted ballot by mail. This rule does not apply to counties with a postage due account to reimburse the USPS for voted ballots with insufficient postage. Our office expects to receive an exemption for this year's General Election. You can find a detailed summary of the requirements [here](#).



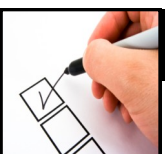
MyVote improvements launched

Improvements to MyVote went live this Tuesday, Sept. 17. Before the release, [changes](#) were tested internally and by county volunteers. If you encounter any issues, please email [WEI Support](#) and provide the required information for [reporting a bug](#). If you would like to participate in future county testing efforts, please email WEI support.



Motor Voter and online transaction report

Click [here](#) to see the monthly report of Motor Voter and online transactions.



Electronic ballot delivery – new link in MyVote

If you use the WEI version of MyBallot, see these [instructions](#) for testing ballot styles for MyBallot.

If you use another program, see [instructions](#) for adding a link to your electronic ballot program for MyVote.

All counties-please check your link to your electronic ballot on [FVAP's website](#).



Network outages

At 5:20 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, an incident occurred that knocked out the network supplying coverage to our site that-houses our WEI and VRDB servers. The network was restored by our internet provider NoaNet at 10:15 a.m. NoaNet reports that a piece of hardware stopped functioning.

This week's outage was a separate incident from the one on Friday, Sept. 13. That incident, which occurred at 8:30 a.m., involved connectivity to servers such as WEI Admin and VRDB Admin for a limited number of counties, and occurred due to some firewall updates done by the state's IT-Consolidated Technology Services. This was resolved by 1:30 p.m.

We're working hard to communicate our important dates and deadlines with our service providers to ensure optimal performance at our most critical times.

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686 felons were pended this week.